

SUSTAINABILITY RATINGS AND BENCHMARKING FOR LEGAL ENTITIES

Abstract

A system is disclosed for rating the sustainability of legal entities such as companies and governments. In a computer embodiment, data is stored concerning at least non-economic factors of legal entities, and is used to compute sustainability scores for them. Companies may enter data about themselves automatically. The data is used to compute one or more sustainability scores for an entity's performance with respect to its impact on people and/or the environment and to its own governance. A score for financial and economic criteria may also be computed. Individual sustainability scores may be derived for each of these criteria, or a single score may be computed from all of them. The sustainability scores may be used to rate companies, governments, products and even executives on a scale, or with respect to each other, or within groups such as whole industries. In one embodiment, a subscriber is permitted to customize how scores are computed, to reflect institutional preferences.